

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 326

By Southerland

A RESOLUTION to honor Clay Dunaway upon his outstanding career in emergency medical services.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly take great pleasure in paying tribute to an exemplary emergency medical services provider who approaches each patient with care, respect, and assured professionalism; and

WHEREAS, Clay Dunaway has twenty-five years of experience in emergency medical services (EMS) and has therefore dedicated more than half of his life to the field; and

WHEREAS, a graduate of North Greene High School, Mr. Dunaway served with a volunteer fire department for a time, but he truly found his métier when he began volunteering with the Greeneville Emergency and Rescue Squad; and

WHEREAS, he has eagerly pursued advanced education and credentials in the EMS field and has been a paramedic for the past nine years; and

WHEREAS, as a paramedic, Mr. Dunaway serves as one-half of a two-man ambulance crew who work twenty-four-hour shifts; and

WHEREAS, his assignments range from routine patient transport to life-threatening medical situations to physical trauma resulting from accidents; he and his partner even once delivered a baby; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Dunaway has also served in EMS during several disasters, including the Greene County tornadoes of 2011, when he walked a mile to reach a family of four and then transported them to the hospital; and

WHEREAS, in 2018, Mr. Dunaway was a member of a Strike Team that was sent to assist local governments during Hurricane Michael; and

WHEREAS, in addition to serving in an EMS role, Mr. Dunaway and his teammates cut through a wall of downed trees to reach a hospital in distress and evacuate its patients; and

WHEREAS, he presently serves as the lieutenant for the Blue Shift EMS crew, whose members he treats like family, often gathering them all together for dinner on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mr. Dunaway enjoys traveling to Civil War battlefields and has visited more than seventy such sites thus far; he is also a dedicated member of Calvary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Clay Dunaway has distinguished himself as a paramedic of remarkable courage, compassion, and communication skills, and he is richly deserving of our approbation; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor Clay Dunaway as a "hometown hero" for his ongoing commitment to providing quality emergency medical services in Greene County and extend to him our best wishes for much continued success and happiness.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.